

## Biography

# 97TH AIR MOBILITY WING

U.S. Air Force (AETC)

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## COLONEL ROBERT J. SETTLE, II

Col. Robert J. Settle, II is vice commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. He is second in command of the Air Force's first air mobility wing responsible for the formal training of all strategic airlift and aerial refueling active duty, guard and reserve aircrews. The wing also maintains a worldwide readiness capability to augment Global Reach contingency support. It provides training for C-5, C-17 and KC-135 aircrews.

Colonel Settle entered the Air Force in 1976 as a graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship program from Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

As a command pilot, he has logged more than 4,200 hours in trainer and tanker aircraft and has commanded a KC-10 Extender operations support squadron, a KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling squadron and was commander of the operations group at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. His staff experience includes assignments with the Strategic Air Command, Air Mobility Command, Headquarters Allied Air Forces Southern Europe and Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He has logged 105 combat hours and has flown 29 air refueling missions during Operation Desert Storm and 22 missions in support of Operation Deny Flight. Colonel Settle also served in Bosnia with the Operation Deliberate Guard stabilization forces headquarters.



### **EDUCATION:**

1975 Bachelor of arts degree with high honors in psychology, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

1977 Squadron Officer School, correspondence.

1978 Master of arts degree, management/public administration, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1996 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

1996 Master of science degree, National Security Strategy, NDU, Washington D.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. August 1976 - June 1979, squadron section commander, 23rd Civil Engineering Squadron, England Air Force Base, La.
2. July 1979 - June 1980, distinguished graduate, UPT, 64th Student Squadron, Reese Air Force Base, Texas.
3. July 1980 - December 1980, distinguished graduate, KC-135 combat crew training,

Castle Air Force Base, Calif.

4. December 1980 - September 1983, EC-135 copilot, standardization/evaluation copilot, 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; and KC-135 pilot, Strategic Air Command command crew, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
5. September 1983 - September 1986, KC/EC-135 aircraft commander, assistant flight commander, instructor pilot and chief, post attack command and control system flight examiner, 305th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Force Base, Ind.
6. October 1986 - June 1989, chief, aircrew programs and requirements branch, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
7. July 1989 - May 1990, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. June 1990 - July 1993, KC-10 aircraft and flight commander, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron; chief pilot, assistant operations officer and instructor pilot, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron; wing quality advisor, 2nd Bomb Wing; and commander, 458th Operations Support Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
9. August 1993 - July 1994, commander, 380th Air Refueling Squadron, Plattsburgh Air Force Base, N.Y.
10. July 1994 - August 1995, chief of protocol, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. August 1995 - July 1996, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
12. July 1996 - June 1998, chief, programs and requirements branch, Headquarters Allied Air Force Southern Europe, Naples, Italy.
13. July 1998 - April 2000, commander, 15th Operations Group, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.
14. May 2000 - September 2001, Air Force planner for joint and National Security Council matters, Pentagon.
15. September 2001 - present, vice commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,200

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, EC-135, KC-135, C-135, KC-10

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star device

Southwest Asia Service Medal with two campaign stars

Armed Forces Service Medal with one bronze star device

NATO Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

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**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 4, 1975
First Lieutenant	February 9, 1978
Captain	February 19, 1980
Major	March 1, 1987
Lieutenant Colonel	April 1, 1992
Colonel	December 1, 1997

(Current as of October 2001)